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Dear EPA,

I support the Draft's cleanup option "G" with amendments, namely that the goal of the cleanup must be to end the Fish Consumption Advisory, for all individuals, including breast feeding women, related to pollutants found in the Portland Harbor. The EPA must provide a date by which the advisory will be lifted.

The EPA's plan removes far too little contaminated sediment from the river. I recommend that at least 1000 acres of polluted sediment be removed.

The EPA's plan prescribes far too much "Monitored Natural Recovery" which in essence leaves polluted material in the river, and monitors it over time.

Those who have liability for the PCBs, PAH, DDT and other toxic and persistent pollutants in the river sediments, must meet their community obligation to do the right thing and conduct a comprehensive and timely cleanup.

I do not believe that the stakeholders should be allowed to complain and delay immediate initiation of the cleanup effort by squabbling between themselves or filing a lawsuit to prevent work to start. I believe it is time to get shovels into the ground and start working. For the people who enjoy and rely upon the river for their recreation we must provide a safe and healthy environment. The stakeholders who own or control the properties that have provided the historic pollution and contamination are the present day representatives of those entities who profited in their businesses in years past. It is only fair that these entities pay for the cost of the cleanup now.

We now know that the "Superfund" is not a "fund" at all and that the costs of fixing this mess must be borne by the representatives of the entities that caused the pollution. From what I can see the business alliance interests have decided to do whatever it takes to cause further delay and confuse the issues. I took the Willamette Riverkeeper/Portland Audubon Society tour of the polluted river sites and was dismayed to see the extensive river bank and river bottom areas that are now unsafe. We need to take an aggressive stance toward cleaning up our river and expend whatever resources we have in Washington DC to bring attention to how important this cleanup effort is to our city and our region.

Thankyou,

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